

JAMES MITCHELL.

JANUARY 3, 1832.

MR. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Mitchell, report:*

That the petitioner enlisted in the spring of 1776, in a State regiment of Pennsylvania, commanded by Colonel Attlee, and was at the battle of Long Island, where he was severely wounded. On his partial recovery from his wound, he joined the army, and was attached to the ninth Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Colonel Butler, and was, by him, appointed sergeant-major. He continued in said regiment until the battle of Green Spring, in 1781: that, after said battle, the petitioner was selected to return from the South to Pennsylvania, to recruit a regiment. He raised said regiment, but, by reason of his severe duties, he experienced so much pain and trouble from his old wound, that he was not able to return to the South with the regiment, but was left in the garrison at Philadelphia, under the command of Colonel Hampton. In October, 1781, he was discharged, as his wound rendered him wholly unfit for duty. The petitioner is now eighty-two years of age, in very reduced circumstances, and wholly unable to labor.

These facts are not only verified by the affidavit of the petitioner himself, (whose character for truth is fully established,) but they are, in part, proved by the deposition of Gilbert Samuel, who states that, in 1780, he went to serve in the army for seven months. When he arrived at camp, he found the petitioner doing duty as a sergeant-major in Colonel Butler's regiment: that the witness continued in service until December, 1780; and, when he left, he well recollects that the petitioner was then in some regiment doing duty.

Hugh Hufferman, in his deposition, states that the petitioner did enlist in the spring of 1776, as stated by him; and that he was in the battle of Long Island, where he was wounded: that he was prevented from any duty, by reason of his wound, for some time. In 1778, he saw Mitchell in the army again, in Colonel Butler's regiment; was made a sergeant-major, and that he served in said regiment until 1781, as stated by petitioner.

Other depositions have been examined, which not only prove the same facts, but also his present indigent circumstances, and the peculiar suffering which the petitioner now endures, in consequence of the wound he received at the battle of Long Island.

The petitioner, considering himself entitled to the benefit of the act of 15th May, 1828, made application, but without success. Since then, his petition has been before Congress, but no special bill has been reported for his relief.

The committee are clearly of opinion, that the long and faithful services, and the severe sufferings of this soldier of the revolution, justly entitle him to a pension. They, therefore, report a bill.

